

## INSPECTOR PAYS HOTELS TRIBUTE

No Evidence Against Better Eating Places in Nineteen Months.

## MOORE COMMITTEE RESUMES INQUIRY

Government Expert of Opinion That Three-fourths of Middlemen Should Be Producing.

A remarkable tribute was paid Washington's better class of hotels and restaurants this morning by Elmer C. Stoy, Sanitary Food Inspector of the District, when he told the Moore food inquiry committee he had been unable to base charges of unsanitary conditions against any of them in nineteen months.

The inspection of 175 hotels and restaurants of the Capital had been rigid, he declared, but, despite the alertness of the officials, not one instance of the use of unwholesome food or unsanitary handling had been discovered.

Mr. Stoy's tribute was paid entirely to the larger eating places. During the nineteen months referred to, there were 43 prosecutions based on unsanitary conditions which were found in the smaller cafes, lunch rooms and boarding houses. Of this number, twelve of the prosecutions were against small hotels.

Inspector Stoy attributed lack of proper sanitation in the smaller eating places to the fact that the proprietors and the lack of proper storage facilities.

Improved 70 Per Cent. Summing up his testimony before the committee, Inspector Stoy said that the improvement noted in the sanitary condition of the hotels, cafes, restaurants, lunch rooms and boarding houses during the past nineteen months amounted to at least 70 per cent.

The effect of the Retail Grocers' Association on local food prices was considered this morning by the Moore committee. A letter was read stating that since the formation of the association, it was no longer possible for private families to buy large quantities of groceries at wholesale prices as formerly.

It was stated that the grocery divisions of department stores frequently retail provisions cheaper than they can be bought at retail establishments.

Inspector Stoy was asked if it was his opinion that department stores sometimes compete with the Retail Grocers' Association. He declared that such was his opinion.

Dr. Repp, in charge of the local inspection work of the Bureau of Animal Industry, of the Department of Agriculture, was called to the stand to give his views about a letter received by Chairman Smith, of the House District Committee, from a citizen of Michigan.

In this letter, the assertion was made that the Beef Trust purchased a steer, weighing 3,000 pounds, sold the hide, tallow, and refuse, and delivered the dressed carcass, weighing 800 pounds to the retailer, making a total profit of 50 per cent.

Claims 60 Per Cent Profit. The retailer disposes of the carcass to the consumer realizing a profit of 60 per cent, the author of the letter alleges. As between the producer and the consumer there is a total profit of 50 per cent realized by the producer and the retailer, according to his statement.

Dr. Repp said that he did not believe that the trust realized more than 12 1/2 to 15 per cent, and he considered the estimated profit of 60 per cent to the retailer as too large.

When asked for his opinion about another statement in the letter, that it would be a good thing for the country if 15 per cent of the middlemen were placed on the producing line, leaving 35 per cent to deliver the products to the farm to the consumer, he said that he heartily endorsed the suggestion.

In a statement to the committee by Inspector Stoy, it was shown that the largest hotels of Washington get the bulk of their provisions from outside places: poultry from New York, oysters from Lynnhaven Bay and Long Island Sound, butter from New York, eggs, fresh and cased, from local dealers.

He said that the storage facilities of even the largest hotels were not sufficient to permit the storing of food supplies for a period longer than one week, and that the average is four days.

## MINORITY REPORT IN HITCHCOCK CASE

Committee Probes Into Charges Against Nephew of Secretary.

If Representative Hitchcock's charges against the administration of the Interior Department are thrown down by the Committee on Expenditures of the Department, which is investigating them, there will be a minority report.

This is the word that has come from the committee unofficially, although it is understood no decision as to what kind of a report will be made by either the majority or minority members has yet been reached.

In the event of a minority report, the department's dealings with Jack Ballinger, nephew of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, will be made the basis of it. It is understood that this was the object in view, when minority members of the committee insisted upon having the report sent by Jack Ballinger to the department from Seattle inserted in the records.

According to certain minority members, they don't see how the Secretary's nephew could have left Washington on July 10 and five days later mail a report from Seattle which could be expected to represent any sort of an adequate inquiry to land office conditions in that section of the country.

There is an impression that Commissioner Bennett's testimony impressed the committee with the fact that there is a tendency in the land office to use the full amount of the appropriations made for the office, regardless of whether it is necessary or expedient to do so.

When the Jack Ballinger episode has been handled according to the views of the minority members, in the event a minority report is made, it is regarded as extremely probable that the remainder of the report will be devoted largely to "sermonizing" on extravagance.

## Sings at Concert



Mrs. NELLIE WILSON SHIRR-CLIFF.

## LOVERS OF MUSIC AWAITING CONCERT

Washington Symphony Orchestra to Give Mendelssohn Number.

Music lovers of Washington have reserved tomorrow afternoon for the third concert of the Washington Symphony Orchestra, Herman C. Rakemann, conductor, which will take place at 4:45 at the Columbia Theater.

Arthur Norton Wright's overture, "Taming of the Shrew," and Robert C. Stearns' "Grand Festival March," are features of the program which will be further enriched by Lachaux's "Trianon" suite.

Mrs. Nellie Wilson Shirr-Cliff will contribute the Bolero from "Sicilian Vespers" (Verdi) and the symphony number will be Mendelssohn's "Italian."

Special significance attaches to the presentation of the Festival March, which is not only the work of a member of the orchestra, but is dedicated to the president of the organization, Edward H. Droop, and his brother, Carl Droop.

The opening number of the program, "The Taming of the Shrew," was written by the young English composer, Arthur Wright, who was a fellow-student of the conductor, Mr. Rakemann, during his student days in Germany.

NO BRANCH STORE IS TO BE OPENED. It has been stated erroneously that Parker, Bridget & Co. are to open a branch store at Fourteenth and F streets northwest. The store will be occupied by another firm.

NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED. Many new names are enrolled upon the roster of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin of the Church of the Immaculate Conception today. The tridium for the sodality closed with a reception last night at which the Rev. Eugene Connolly, rector of the organization presided. The ceremonies closed with a solemn benediction.

## DOCTOR TOLD HER TO USE CUTICURA

And Thus Cured a Scalp Disease Like Scald Head—It Had Lasted Several Months and Made Most of the Sufferer's Hair Fall Out.

## TROUBLE SOON GONE AND NEVER RETURNED

"When I was ten or twelve years old I had a scalp disease, something like scald head, though it wasn't that. I suffered for several months and most of my hair came out. Finally they had a doctor to see me and he recommended the Cuticura Remedies. They cured me in a few weeks. I have used the Cuticura Remedies, also, for a breaking out on my hands and feet, and have benefited a great deal. I haven't had any more trouble with the scalp disease. Miss Jessie F. Buchanan, R. F. D. 3, Hamilton, Ga., Jan. 7, 1909."

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## CANNON'S FAITH SHAKEN IN PARTY CAUCUS' POWER

Fear of Insurgents' Disregard of Majority Vote Delays Action on Cost of Living Investigation Resolution—Senate Seems Only Hope.

Speaker Cannon's faith in the hide-bound influence of the party caucus is not so strong as formerly.

This observation was made by a member of the House who has served with the Speaker for years. It was occasioned by the statement that the reason the Committee on Rules had not acted upon the Payne resolution, providing for an investigation by the Ways and Means Committee of the causes of the increased cost of living, was because it had been indicated to the Speaker that the insurgents would make a "football" of any special resolution reported by the Committee on Rules.

The Rules Committee recently held a meeting and the Payne resolution was discussed. Action was postponed because of the absence of Representative Smith of Iowa.

In the meantime it developed that the minority members who had acquiesced in the Payne resolution, were inclined to bolt and to vote for a special investigating committee to be appointed by the House membership.

That is the reason why the Rules Committee has not acted. The pressure of an investigation continues, however, and it has practically been decided that a party caucus should be invoked.

"Uncle Joe" is an advocate of the caucus; but he regrets to admit that the party caucuses of today do not seem as binding as of yore, and for that reason he is not confident that the insurgents, should they attend, would stand by the action taken.

Representative Murdock, insurgent, remarked today that the only time the insurgents have a chance to breathe and show their prowess is when the Committee on Rules makes a privileged report to the House.

Which would lead one to believe that the high cost of living investigation will center in the Senate, where insurgency isn't so formidable.

ASKS CHEAP BREAD FOR WASHINGTON. "If bread can be manufactured and sold in St. Louis for 3 cents a loaf and a profit of 1 1/2 cents made upon each loaf, why not in Washington?"

This question is propounded the Commissioners by F. H. Hoban, of 717 Euclid street northwest. Mr. Hoban incloses a newspaper clipping telling of the erection in St. Louis of a \$300,000 bakery which proposes to put the trust out of the business, for the consideration of the Commissioners in connection with their report on the bill providing a standard weight for loaves baked in the District.

"If the bakers of this city continue to reduce the size of a loaf of bread," says Mr. Hoban, "we consumers will get only what a cake of soap looks like after a hard day's washing."

Trout lb. 8c  
Roe Shad, each 75c  
Buck Shad, each 40c  
Pollock, in piece 8c

Flounders, lb. 10c  
Cod Fish, lb. 12c  
Halibut, lb. 18c  
Salmon, lb. 18c  
Smelts, lb. 15c  
Spanish Mackerel, lb. 20c  
Steamed King Mackerel, lb. 20c  
Oysters, qt. 25c

Also Bluefish, Butterfish, Salt Mackerel, Smoked Whitefish, Bloaters, Herring, etc., at popular prices.

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At All 3 Stores  
930 Louisiana Ave. N.W.  
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On the Corner of E  
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BUT TWO DAYS MORE  
SMOOT-COFFER CO.  
1216 F Street N. W.

This Friday and Saturday Will Mark the Ending of This CLOSING OUT SALE

We have made still further reductions on the remarkably low prices already quoted. You will probably find just what you want at less than wholesale cost. Store will remain open until 6 p. m.

DRESS SILKS. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Fancy Taffetas, 50c yd.  
\$1.50 Black Satin Duchesse, 24-in. wide, \$1.10.  
75c Taffetas; variety of colors, 50c yd.  
\$1.25 Nonpareil Velvets; variety of colors, 50c yd.

WOOL DRESS GOODS. \$1.00 Check Dress Goods, 40 in. wide, 50c.  
\$2.50 to \$3.00 Delius Broadcloths, \$1.50 yd.  
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Lupin's 45-in. Black Voles, \$1.00 yd.  
65c Mohairs, 38-in. wide; brown, gray, and navy, 35c.

SILK KIMONOS. \$10.00 and \$12.00 Silk and Crepe Kimonos, \$7.00.  
\$14.00 Silk Kimonos, \$8.00.

SILK AND BATISTE PRINCESS SLIPS. \$5.00 Princess Slips, in evening shades, \$3.75.  
\$5.50 Princess Slips in evening shades, \$5.50.  
\$2.50 Emb. Batiste Princess Slips, \$2.50.

WHITE LINEN DRESS SKIRTS. \$2.50 Plaided Linen Dress Skirts, \$2.50.  
\$2.50 Plaided Linen Dress Skirts, \$2.50.  
\$2.50 Plaided Linen Pannel Front Dress Skirt, \$10.00.

GINGHAM PETTICOATS. \$1.00 Gingham Petticoats, \$1.00.  
\$1.00 Gingham Petticoats, 75c.  
75c Gingham Petticoats, 50c.

MESH VEILINGS. 50c to \$1.00 Mesh Veilings, all colors, 35c to 50c.

SPANGLE SCARFS. \$2.25 Spangle Scarfs; gray, pink, and lavender, \$1.75.  
\$2.00 and \$4.00 Persian Scarfs, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

BATISTE AND PERSIAN LAWN ROBES. \$12.50 to \$30.00 Pattern Robes, \$30.00 to \$20.00.

KID GLOVES. \$1.00 2-clasp Glace Kid Gloves, 75c.

## YALE COMPLAINTS ARE WITHDRAWN

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 17.—Under what is believed to be pressure from the authorities of Yale, the hotel keepers who complained against the serving of liquor at two recent banquets, given in the Yale dining hall, decided today not to push their complaints.

William P. Niles, the New Haven liquor prosecutor, announced that as the hotel keepers and caterers had dropped the matter, he would follow suit. President Taft was a guest at one of the banquets.

The complaint was based on the ground that as the hotelmen have paid for liquor licenses no organization that does not hold a license should be permitted to sell liquor.

A member of the Yale faculty said today that the banquets complained of were held in the Yale dining hall simply because there was no other room in the city big enough to accommodate them, and the liquor served was not sold.

# The Palais Royal

A. LISNER. G STREET

## Best Things Cheapest in the End

—But they cost so much in the beginning



The thousands of Times' readers who always look for the Palais Royal's list of Friday Bargains will find a somewhat different list for tomorrow. The best things, so expensive in the beginning, are to be reduced in prices so that they will cost little more than cheap things.

## "Lapland" Refrigerators

One good feature—the mineral wool cannot settle down to the bottom of the ice box, leaving the ice compartments unprotected. The fault with cheap refrigerators is that "settling" does take place. With the "Lapland" here for as little as \$4.98 to \$7.95 you get best.

"Radium," \$4.98. "Our Favorite," \$7.95

Mr. Richard Cavanaugh, the chief of this department, asks for a few words in The Times. He says: "I promise my personal attention to tomorrow's visitors and will demonstrate that the refrigerators here are all scientifically constructed, and without any of the faults common with cheap refrigerators. \* \* \* I can demonstrate this fact more effectively here in five minutes than in a page talk in The Times. \* \* \* All I ask is a visit here."

Hardwood Ice Chests, \$3.48 Tomorrow

## Light Improving and Gas Saving, 39c Tomorrow

Complete With Lamp, Engraved Globe, Brass Burner and Best Mantle

\$1.50 B. & H. Nickel Reading Lamps, complete with 10-inch dome shade. Tomorrow 93c  
79c Inverted Gas Lamps, with artistically etched globe, alone worth 30c. 65c  
\$4.50 Gas Table Lamps, with art glass shade, best burner, mantle and six feet of covered tubing \$2.97



\$5.00 Electric Portables, with 12-inch art glass shade, finished in old gold. \$3.97  
25c Bracket Lamps with large burner and chimney. 19c  
10c Welsbach Mantles, inverted or tall; 3 for. 25c



## Best Enameled Ware

The very best is known as "White and White." Next comes "Royal Gray," cheapest in the end—and tomorrow's Friday prices are to be very much less than other days.

97c for \$1.25 White and White Enameled Slop Jars

20c White and White enameled sink strainers. 25c  
12c, 15c, and 20c White and White Enameled Sauce Pans. 10c  
50c White and White Enameled Water Pails, 10 quart size. 39c

15c White and White Enameled Tea Strainers, with handle. 10c  
19c Royal Gray enameled Tea pots; two pint size. 13c  
19c Royal Gray Enameled Coffee Pots; two pint size. 13c

35c Royal Gray Enameled double Rice Boilers, 4 pint size. 29c  
32c Royal Gray Enameled Berlin Sauce Pans, with cover and ball handle, six quart size. 24c  
35c Royal Gray Enameled Tea Kettles, 5 quart size. 29c

## Save \$5.25

\$25.00 Haviland China Dinner and Tea Sets, 100 pieces; artistically decorated. Tomorrow \$19.75

\$15.00 Carlshad China Dinner and Tea Sets, 100 pieces, nicely decorated. \$10.75

\$3.75 Tea Sets, 56 pieces, new shape; gold decorations. \$2.97



## Save \$3.50

\$20.00 Limoges Dinner and Tea Sets, 100 pieces, assorted decorations. For tomorrow \$16.50

\$2.48 Chamber Sets, 10 pieces, finest porcelain, large fancy shape; gold decorations. \$1.97

\$4.75 Chamber Sets, 12 pieces, with large slop jar, assorted decorations. \$3.97

## Friday's Prices for "Near-Cut"—The Best Imitation

50c per dozen Colonial Glass Table Tumblers; first quality; six (6) 19c for. 10c  
8c Needle Etched Table Tumblers, first quality, extra thin. 5c  
\$1.39 Punch Bowls on stand 14 in., cut glass pattern. \$1.25

\$1.00 Needle Etched Water Sets, Tankard pitcher and six glasses, 87c and nickel plated tray. 87c  
15c Water Bottles, quart size, new pattern. 9c  
Crystal Glass Goblets, plain 5c

15c Cake and Fruit Dishes on 10c  
10c Covered Butter Dishes, cut glass pattern. 7c  
35c Glass Butter Dish, Sugar Bowl, Cream Pitcher and Spoon Holder. 29c

## EXTRA---\$13.75 Tomorrow for \$16 Kitchen Cabinets

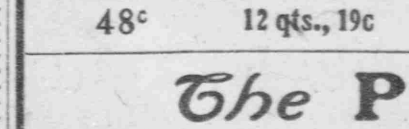
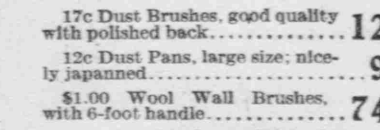
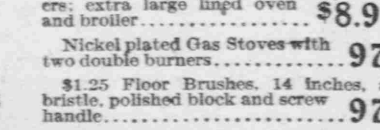
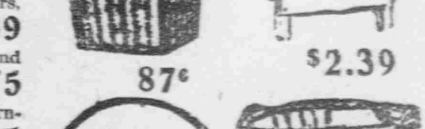
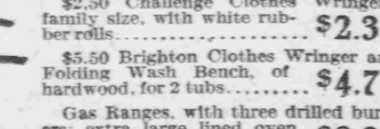
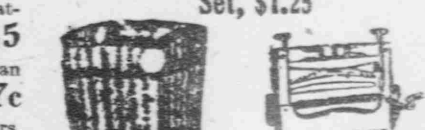
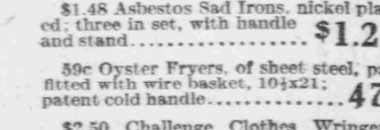
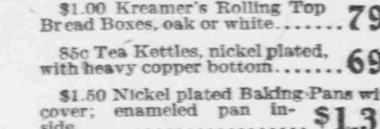
The saving of time, labor and patience—the ease with which everything is found—the cleanliness—the comfort that comes with these Kitchen Cabinets can be duly appreciated only after possession. "How did I live without one"—will be the thought of the fortunate owner.

The ash can, at 79c instead of \$1 tomorrow, is of extra heavy iron, is neatly japanned and holds 20 gallons. Learn that the best are cheapest.

The nickel-plated Tea Kettle at 69c instead of 85c tomorrow, has heavy copper bottom. Learn that the best are cheapest.

79c

69c



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